

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 752**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Arambula**

February 26, 2009

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An act to amend Section 13476 of the Water Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 752, as introduced, Arambula. State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund: severely disadvantaged communities.

Existing law establishes the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Small Community Grant Fund in the State Treasury. Money in the fund may be expended for grants for projects that serve small communities, as defined, with priority given to projects that serve severely disadvantaged communities. Existing law defines "severely disadvantaged community" for purposes of the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality And Supply, Flood Control, River And Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 as a community with a median household income of less than 60% of the statewide average.

This bill would apply the same definition of severely disadvantaged communities contained in the bond act to the provisions governing expenditure of moneys in the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Small Community Grant Fund.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 13476 of the Water Code is amended to  
2     read:

1 13476. Unless the context otherwise requires, the following  
2 definitions govern the construction of this chapter:

3 (a) “Administration fund” means the State Water Pollution  
4 Control Revolving Fund Administration Fund.

5 (b) “Board” means the State Water Resources Control Board.

6 (c) “Federal Clean Water Act” or “federal act” means the Clean  
7 Water Act (33 U.S.C. Sec. 1251 et seq.) and acts amendatory  
8 thereof or supplemental thereto.

9 (d) “Financial assistance” means assistance authorized under  
10 Section 13480. Financial assistance includes loans, refinancing,  
11 installment sales agreements, purchase of debt, and loan guarantees  
12 for municipal revolving funds, but excludes grants.

13 (e) “Fund” means the State Water Pollution Control Revolving  
14 Fund.

15 (f) “Grant fund” means the State Water Pollution Control  
16 Revolving Fund Small Community Grant Fund.

17 (g) “Matching funds” means money that equals that percentage  
18 of federal contributions required by the federal act to be matched  
19 with state funds.

20 (h) “Municipality” has the same meaning and construction as  
21 in the federal act and also includes all state, interstate, and  
22 intermunicipal agencies.

23 (i) “Publicly owned” means owned by a municipality.

24 (j) “*Severely disadvantaged community*” means a community  
25 with a median household income less than 60 percent of the  
26 statewide average.